

American Legion Palm Valley Post 233

General Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2017

Commander Dan Wortmann conducted the opening meeting ceremonies and convened the meeting at 1913 hours.

Roll call by Adjutant Ted Veber determined quorum. AL members present- Dan Wortmann, James Durnal, Adjutant/E-Board, Maury Lazenby, Sonny Kirkwood, J. R. Mathis, David Boyd. SAL-Howard Sheble. ALA Linda Williams, Kathy Church. ALR Jeff Tupper, B. J. Atkins.

Past Commanders, Sonny Kirkwood, James Durnal (VFW Post 3270, Auxiliary President Linda Williams, SAL Finance Officer Howard Sheble, and Kitchen Manager Kathy Church were recognized.

Minutes from the December 6, 2017 meeting- MM 2nd to accept minutes as shown on Post website. All were in favor.

ALA REPORT- Linda Williams, President

Members decorated the Post for the Christmas Holidays and hosted the Annual ALA Children's Christmas Party. Santa, Elfie and the Palm Valley Fire Department came to the Post. 32 children received a goody bag from Santa and enjoyed cookies, cupcakes, juice and homemade soup. Over 100 people attended. ALA members hosted our Taco Tuesday, the monthly Cookbook Dinner and helped out during our Annual Adult Christmas Party. Members also provided a steak dinner for Dept. FL President Kelli Becraft, her mother Dept. Constitutional Bylaws President Pat Devine and 5th District President Robin Walker. Although not a big Bingo fan Pat won. Beginners luck we reckon! ALA set up a Buffet Breakfast for AL State Commander Joe Magee, FL ALA President Kelli Becraft, 5th District Commander Fred Matthews, District President Robbin Walker and Department Constitutional Bylaws Pat Devine. Our members attended the 5th District meeting at Post 129, organized Food Boxes for 3 families, provided our annual Christmas Day Luncheon, collected box tops for Ocean Palms School, and collected \$7,994.70 coupons for our overseas veterans. One of our members sings the National Anthem during the Post NFL Football events, another drives a veteran to the Gainesville, FL. VA, several members work on flyers, calendars and media ads to help promote Post events. Members attended the St. Johns County Veterans Council meeting, SHADCO and the K-9's for Warrior graduation. Our ladies attended/participated in the Poker and Fun Runs and also joined the escort riders for the wreaths across America trucks to the National Cemetery and the placing of the wreaths.

SAL Report-Howard Sheble, Finance Officer

Joint SAL/AL New Years Eve event raised \$431 in bar sales, hosting 8 meals during the month which generated \$1654 in bar receipts, Chrissi Karaoke Saturday events raised \$1654. Assisted Adjutant Ted Veber during Football Events which generated \$992 in bar take. SAL 2017 Membership is at 50.2% of goal. Donations to Post activities - \$450 to Boys State, Chrissi \$300. Future dates of note- Bingo every Thursday, Chrissi every Saturday, 1/28 Cowboy Night with Wanda, NFL Playoffs and Super Bowl, TBD, Wards Landing, TBD contd

ALR Report- Kathy Church, Secretary

Taco Tuesday continues to be a successful Post event. ALR hosts Breakfast on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Donations \$50 to Boys State and \$75 to Wreaths across America. Members participated in the escort of the Wal Mart trucks to the JNC for the placing of over 9000 wreaths for the Wreaths Across America event. Member Virna Waldron participated in several rides with other ALR Chapters.

She also maintains the 5th District ALR Facebook page. ALR purchased 4 new locks for freezers in the kitchen and pantry. A member attended the NEFVC and St. Johns County Veterans Council meetings. Member BJ Atkins picks up bread from Publix every Thursday, Jeff Tupper assisted during the decorating of the Post and Kathy Church attended a funeral for a 16 year old son of an active duty service member.

The public portion of the meeting ended at 1949 hours. The Sergeant at Arms escorted out the non-legionnaires.

CORRESPONDENCE

Active duty service member whose 16 year old son passed away wrote and thanked us for our attendance at the funeral service and our support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Status of Post lawn mower sale- as of yet no reasonable has been received. We will continue to pursue this sale. The "Jani-King" stripping of the kitchen floor has been delayed.

NEW BUSINESS

We plan on soliciting donations from members and our entities for the purpose of improving our financial situation. E-Board member Maury Lazenby advised Boys State funds are in place and potential candidates will be interviewed on February 8.

FINANCE REPORT

Proceeds from December events and private parties allowed us to pay past due bills from November. In order to allow for sufficient time to complete the monthly report a motion was made and seconded to change our Executive Board and General Meetings to the second Monday of each month. All were in favor of this move.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

E-Board member Mathis all incidents that occur need to be handled by the Person in Charge. He also mentioned, as per House Rules and Regulations any incidents need to be reported to the Commander or House Committee Chair within 48 hours. BJ Atkins asked where incident forms are located. E was advised they're on the Post Website and the bartenders also have supplies of forms.

With no further business for the good of American Legion Post 233 to be discussed Commander Wortmann conducted the closing ceremonies and adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours.

Ted Veber
Post Adjutant
Executive Board Member